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SUBJECT: POLISH JOURNALISTS' TOUR

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1. WE RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE VISIT BY POLISH JOURNALISTS TO NATO IN LOW-KEY WAY WITH QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR USSR/EE (BEAUCHATAUD) ON JUNE 28. WE PRESENTED ARGUMENTS FAVORING SUCH A VISIT, AS THEY HAVE BEEN OUTLINED IN PREVIOUS CABLES ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. BEAUCHATAUD SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT POLES WOULD ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO VISIT NATO; HIS PERSONAL ESTIMATE WAS THAT THEY WOULD NOT. WE NOTED THAT THIS WAS NOT A REASON FOR NOT EXTENDING THE INVITATION. BEAUCHATAUD WOULD NOT GIVE A FURTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR THE FRENCH POSITION; HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE IDEA WAS AN INTERESTING ONE BUT STATED THAT IN THE FRENCH VIEW THIS WAS NOT AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT FOR SUCH A VISIT.

3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE FRENCH CAN BE PERSUADED TO
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CHANGE THEIR POSITION ON THIS QUESTION UNLESS WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF IT. IN BALANCE, WE WONDER WHETHER THAT WOULD BE WORTH DOING, ESPECIALLY SINCE FRENCH ARE EVIDENTLY NOT THE ONLY ONES WITH RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE VISIT. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE FULLY PREPARED TO PURSUE THE MATTER IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO DO SO.

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